(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present holiday-policy has been formulated after taking into account various social, religious and cultural aspects and any major change in the present policy which is a long standing one is not desirable.

Restricting number of holidays in public offices

2206. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to restrict the number of holidays in public offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the average number of holidays a teacher in Central or State Governments is enjoying?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The maximum number of holidays that can be declared in a year for any Central Government Organisation is restricted to 17.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The information on the average number of holidays a teacher in Central Government is anjoying is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Mediu$_m$ of examination for Ayurvedic Doctors recruitment

2207. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UPSC propose to hold examination for recruitment of Ayurvedic Doctors in English only and not in any other language;

(b) if so, the reasons for conducting examination in English only;

(c) whether Government are aware that Ayurvedic education is imparted in Hindi, Sanskrit and other regional languages too; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The written test for recruitment of Ayurvedic Physicians has already been held by the Union Public Service Commission on 20.10.91 and this written test has been conducted in English only.

(a) and (d) The Question paper was designed and set in consultation with a team of experts drawn from different parts of the country. In the opinion of these experts the question paper so designed and set would meet the ends of quity and fairness to candidates drawn from all parts of the country to compete for selection to these posts.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Modification of reservation policy

2208. SHRI JAGADISH JANI. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have modified its Reservation Policy to provide employment to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new reservation policy;

(c) the steps taken for the effective implementation of modified policy; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Government has not modified its policy of reservation for SCs & STs of late. The measures initiated in 1989, to increase the intake of SC/ST in services, like the ban on dereservation are being implemented rigidly. Special Rec-